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BRIDGE STREET SEWER

Council Authorizes Its Construction Estimated Cost \$2,179.00

60 PER CENT TO BE PAID BY CITY

Forty Per Cent by Property Owners in District to be Benefitted

Alma, Mich., Sept. 9, 1914.

Adjourned regular meeting of the common council of the city of Alma in council rooms on the above date. The council was called to order by the Mayor, Hon. Albert P. Cook.

Present—Ald. McConkey, Willard, Race, Ogden, Ward and Fraker. There being a quorum present the council was declared to be in session. The Journals of the preceding sessions were read and approved.

Ald. Rowland appears. On motion of Ald. Ogden, supported by Ald. Willard, that the petition for sewer on Ely street, Major avenue, Allen avenue, Rockingham avenue and Griffin avenue be accepted as read, and that the city attorney prepare resolution for the same. Motion carried.

On motion of Ald. Ogden, supported by Ald. Ward, that the mayor appoint a committee of three, the mayor to act as chairman, to confer with the Ladies' Civic League relative to Public Library. Motion carried. Mayor Cook appoints Ald. Ward and Fraker. On motion, the appointment was confirmed. Ald. Ward offers the following resolution and moves its adoption, supported by Ald. Ogden:

Resolved, That the plat of College Heights addition to the city of Alma, presented by R. D. Goodwin, be approved as amended, by making Harvard avenue 43 feet wide and West Superior street 21-2 rods from the center of the street and that the clerk be and he is hereby authorized to certify such approval under seal of the city when the amendments herein stated are incorporated in said plat, and when the owner of the plat shall have entered into an engagement with the city to place building restrictions on

THE BIRD CALENDAR.

A few moments ago a humming bird with his new coat shining in the bright September sunlight stopped to examine a large late blooming sunflower. Whether he was looking for nectar or was inquiring how far spent is the season, the bird did not say; neither did the sunflower. But from the hurried visit and the vanishing flash of iridescent plumage it is quite certain that he obtained what he wanted. He knew what to do next, and where to go; and was off.

September is the month when the fall migration gets thoroughly underway. After the late summer's wanderings and the molting, the migratory birds begin their return to the south. The fall migration is quiet and scarcely would be recognized were it not for the fact that after it is over we are conscious of the fact that we no longer have them.

SUGAR BEET SEED

Comes From Europe—War a Factor in 1916 Crop

According to a sugar beet expert who lives in Owosso, his colleagues of the beet factories have ceased to worry about the tariff as a menace to the business. But they have adopted another bogie which is keeping them awake nights—the European war.

"If this war lasts for a year," he declared, "our business will be in desperate straits in 1916, because of our inability to get seed. We are all right for next year, because practically all Michigan factories keep a year's supply of seed on hand. But the prospects for the 1916 crop are bad. We fear that the damage has been done."

"We secure practically all our beet seed from Germany and Russia. Some, but not much, comes from Austria. The first-named countries have mastered the secret of producing best seed of uniform excellence. Our experts all over the country have tried to produce seed; they have worked persistently in California. But we have failed to produce a bushel of dependable stuff."

"We believe that the war will prevent this year's crops in Austria, Russia and Germany."

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STATE TAX COMMISSIONERS

To Review Assessments and Hear Complaints September 23 and 24

The State Tax commission sends the St. Louis Independent notice that complaints have been made that property in the townships of Pine River and Bethany and the several wards of St. Louis have been so irregularly and unlawfully assessed that compliance with the law cannot be secured except by a review of the assessment rolls. Accordingly the Commission has ordered a meeting to take place in the city council room on September 23 and 24th, at 9 o'clock, at which a member of the Commission will be present to hear complaints and make corrections.

THE ARCADE FARMER CLUB. FOR SEPTEMBER.

Will meet with Mr. and Mrs. Ray Birmingham at their farm house, 3 miles south of Alma on Thursday, the 24th. New visitors are always welcome. Please bring your Hymn books and folding tables, and let us try one and all to be present at roll call.

Program is as follows: Opening song—No. 305, first three stanzas, Pentecostal. Prayer—Rev. T. G. R. Brownlow. Song—By Club No. 453. Roll call.

Address of Welcome—Ray Birmingham. Reading—Mrs. Grove Peck. Recitation—Lester Walston. Song—Mr. and Mrs. Ray Birmingham.

Reading—Rev. Priest. Music—Mrs. John Bateman. Reading—Mrs. Nestle. Instrumental Music—Lew Irish. Reading—John Bateman. Music—Rev. Mr. and Mrs. Brownlow.

Question Box. Closing Song—By Club No. 342. By order of committee, MRS. ALVIN MILLER. MRS. GEO. IRISH—Oct. MRS. B. F. CLINE—Nov. MRS. GROVE PECK—Dec.

VOTE ON LOCAL OPTION

Drys Plan to Wage Campaign in 24 Counties

WETS TO TRY OUT IN SIXTEEN

Spring of 1915 will See Local Option Fight in Nearly One-half of State

According to plans outlined today by Grant Hudson, superintendent of the Michigan Anti-Saloon League, local option campaigns will be staged by the dries next spring in 24 counties where saloons and breweries are now doing business, and in addition, vigorous fights will be made to retain the "dry" counties where the "wets" will take the offensive.

Every county in the upper peninsula will be invaded by the Anti-Saloon League with the exception of Gogebic and Dickinson. While the Anti-Saloon League leaders are not confident of putting all the counties beyond the straits in the dry column, Hudson says that a campaign of education will be waged that will prove beneficial in future years.

The counties now wet where local option will be made an issue next year are as follows:

Ontonagon, Iron, Houghton, Keweenaw, Baraga, Marquette, Menominee, Delta, Alger, Schoolcraft, Luce, Mackinac, Chippewa, Berrien, Kalamazoo, Jackson, Mason, Manistee, Emmet, Grand Traverse, Tuscola, Crawford, Leelanau, Isosco and Lapeer.

From wet sources it is learned that in 12 and possibly 16 counties, now dry, contests will be staged in an effort to make them wet, making half of the state involved in local option contests next spring.

Although it was reported that the Anti-Saloon League would attempt a campaign for state-wide prohibition in 1916, Supt. Hudson says the league has no definite plans along this line, but that a state-wide campaign will not be attempted until the league is reasonably sure of success.

JAXON CO. HOME-COMING.

The Record office is in receipt of a communication from the Chamber of Commerce of Jackson, Mich., announcing their County Fair and Home-Coming. It says in part: "We want every son and daughter and friend of Jackson to know about this big family reunion—the best chance to see all the folks that Jackson has offered in a long time."

SCOUTS TO BASS LAKE

Fifty-seven Boy Scouts Spend Week-end in Montcalm Co.

MILITARY RULE PREVAILED

Returned Sunday Evening After Having Thorough Good Time

Fifty-seven Boy Scouts in uniform left Friday for Bass Lake, where they remained until Sunday. They were accompanied by Charles Murphy, scout master, Ollie Hayes, commissioner, and Dick Rockwell, assistant scout master. The Murphy cottage was used as headquarters and the boys were governed by military rules. No one was allowed to leave camp without permission. Each scout did his own cooking with his own cook-kit. Tenderfoot, first and second class scout work was engaged in. A hike of six miles was made and several drills were ordered.

A swimming contest was engaged in and eight merit badges presented for efficiency. To earn a badge the scout had to swim 100 yards, half the distance on his back, the remainder in four different styles of strokes, and make a dive from the surface in water over their head. The prizes were awarded to Ray Medlar, George Perry, Ted Kress, Frank Hanna, Rodney Graham, Robert Adams and Glenn Campbell. A game of hotly contested army football was played. This was the last camping trip this summer. The regular trips will be continued by the boys every month from now on, instead of every two weeks. When the scouts go for a trip or hike they carry their knapsack, haversack and blanket rolls with them. This scout work has been an educational feature for the boys and under competent leadership has proven successful.

ELECTED PRESIDENT.

J. N. McCurdy Elected President of the Men's Bible Class of the M. E. Church.

At a meeting held at the M. E. church last week Wednesday evening, Prof. J. N. McCurdy was elected president of the Men's class. The class was divided into sections with Dr. Thornburg and C. E. Pettijohn as captains and a six weeks' campaign will be made for new members. The losing side is to furnish a spread for the winners.

BAPTIST CHURCH.

Services next Sunday in United Brethren church. Morning, 10 o'clock. Sermon to girls. The girls' class from the Baptist church in Ithaca will be present.

Sunday school—11:30. B. Y. P. U.—6:30. Evening Service—7:30.

COLLEGE OPENING

Largest Freshmen Class in History of School

ADDRESS BY PROF. R. F. VEATCH

Rooms in Wright and Pioneer Halls All Taken—Many, Two in Room

The Faculty of Alma College was transformed into a registration force and general information bureau Tuesday, when the students began to come in droves. No classes were called Tuesday, at 9 o'clock Wednesday, the student body gathered in the auditorium of the Administration Building and listened to brief introductory remarks by President Blaisdell, followed by "America" sung in unison, and the repetition of the 23rd Psalm, Prayer by Dr. Blaisdell, the Lord's Prayer and the song "What a Friend We Have in Jesus" by the entire assemblage, and then the opening address of the term was delivered by Director Veatch.

"The self-consciousness of Jesus was different from any other man that ever lived," the meaning of self-consciousness being Jesus' conception of his own inner nature. The address was full of deep thought and impressed each listener. Following the address Dr. Blaisdell made some announcements which are of interest: there is enrolled in Alma College this

year 203 students, of which 110 are Freshmen, the previous record was 146 for total attendance and 56 for Freshmen, showing a remarkable increase.

Pioneer and Wright Halls are both full and many of the single rooms were given two occupants. The attendance is even more than was expected and this year will be a record one.

TO OBSERVE NEW YEARS

Jewish People to Observe Beginning of 5675th Year Next Sunday.

Plans are being made by the Jewish people of Alma as well as throughout the world to observe the beginning of the year 5675, Sunday, September 20.

This new year is not a civil holiday for the Jews, but is a day for religious observances only. Many rituals will be exemplified with impressive musical ceremonies in the observances in various parts of the country. New Year's eve observances will also be held in many places.

New Year's day is followed by other religious days on the Jewish calendar, such as Rosh ha-Shono on September 21; Fast of Gedaliah on September 23; and Yom Kippur, or the fast day, on September 30, ten days after the New Year's observance.

J. Cohen & Bro. will close their store in observance of this holiday on Monday and Tuesday, and will open again at 5:30 Tuesday evening.

GOES TO CHICAGO.

Miss Theo Amsbury left last Wednesday for Chicago where she will study in the American Conservatory of Music the coming year. Her work in piano will be under the teaching of the well known Henriot Levy. She will soon be joined by Miss Marie Cornwell of Ann Arbor, who is to enter the Art Institute. Both young ladies have for the past two years, been members of the faculty of Alma College—Miss Amsbury in the School of Music and Miss Cornwell teaching art and languages.

NEW INSTRUCTORS

Miss Marie Riker of Parkersburg, W. Va., at College

The Alma College Conservatory of Music has secured the services of Miss Marie Riker, of Parkersburg, W. Va., to establish and take charge of a department for the training of teachers of Public School music and drawing.

Miss Riker comes to her work here exceptionally well equipped, and her



Miss Marie Riker.

work in Alma should be very successful as there is a strong demand for teachers of these subjects. She has pursued her studies in the above subjects in the following schools:

Mt. Union College and Academy, 4 years.

Ohio Wesleyan University, 1 year.

Oberlin Conservatory, 2 years.

Private study in Paris, 1 year.

In addition to her musical work she has specialized in French, and will take charge of the French department of the college.

MACCABEES IN ALMA

Great Commander Lovelace of Port Huron, and Deputy Commanders, Throop of Saginaw, and St. Dennis of Flint, were in Alma Tuesday and addressed a joint meeting of the St. Louis and Alma Macabees at the I. O. O. F. Hall. The gentlemen are enthusiastic over the present contract written by the Macabees and one or more of the deputies will spend some time in Alma and St. Louis explaining the merits of the same to our citizens.

GRATIOT CO. S.S. ASS.N.

Forty Schools Have Been Visited Recently

NEXT SUNDAY THE BIG DAY

County Gathering at Breckenridge, September 24-25, 1914

Over forty schools have already been visited by representatives of the County Association. Next Sunday, the last Sunday before the County Convention, which will be held at Breckenridge Sept. 24 and 25, fifteen automobiles will be needed to complete the work over the county. The President, J. N. McCall, of Ithaca, Mr. Frank L. Convis, Mr. George Lamphere, Mr. O. L. Smith, Mr. Harry Redman, Judge Kelly S. Searl, Mr. O. G. Tuttle, and Mr. W. E. Swope have driven auto loads of Sunday School workers, and some of these have made a trip each Sunday for three consecutive Sundays, each trip totalling from 35 to 60 miles. Already autos are being offered for use on the first "round up" next Sunday. Many of these are selecting and arranging their own auto loads, and simply getting directions of route and schedule of schools to be visited from the county secretary. The Men's Bible Class of Riverdale is the first organized class in the county to offer to man an auto representing their class and spend next Sunday spreading the knowledge of men's organized work over the county.

All phases of Sunday School work are discussed by the leaders of these four parties, and next Sunday special emphasis will be laid upon the coming convention program.

It is suggested that automobiles representing particular schools or classes bear a banner or a streamer giving the name of their school or class.

All touring parties out next Sunday will center for the evening service in one of the three large towns of the county. At Alma they will join the Gideons in their service for the extension of Bible reading at the Presbyterian church. At St. Louis they will join in a union service in the Presbyterian church under the leadership of vice-president Mr. Willis G. West. At Ithaca a Union Sunday School Workers' Conference will be held probably in the Baptist or Presbyterian church, as all Methodist pastors will be absent next Sunday at conference.

PLACE TAX ON LIQUOR

Congressman Joe Fordney Says Tax Whiskey and Beer, not Freight

A Washington dispatch of September 14 said: Congressman Joseph W. Fordney, a member of the ways and means committee, believes the administration has made a great mistake in attempting to put an emergency war tax upon freight shipments. He believes that all the tax should have been raised from beer and liquors.

"I have just obtained figures from the commissioner general of internal revenue," said Mr. Fordney, "showing that 140,000,000 gallons of liquor were made in this country last year. The tax collected on this liquor amounted to \$150,000,000. The tax of 50 cents on beer as proposed in the Underwood bill would yield \$30,000,000. A tax of 50 cents a gallon on liquor would yield \$70,000,000, making a grand total of \$100,000,000, which is the amount to be raised. The less of the stuff a man puts in his stomach the better off he is. I believe a tax on whiskey and brandy would be much better than the one proposed on freight shipments, much of which will be a burden on the consumer of all kinds of foodstuffs and clothing."

G. H. Carl, while driving his Buick, containing a man and his wife from Ohio, was unlucky enough to break the left rear axle and allow the car to drop and rest on three wheels. Mr. Borton pulled the car into town by fastening a log to the broken axle. Mr. Carl claims this to be his first accident of any consequence. It happened one and a half miles west of Alma.

Edwin Smith, of Pearl, Michigan, has moved to Alma, and engaged a suite of rooms in the Opera House block. Mr. Smith has accepted a position as tester and inspector at the truck factory. He has had four years' experience along this line of work at Pearl.

COUNTY EXAMINATIONS.

The Superintendent of Public Instruction Announces the Following Plans for Examinations.

The dates for the county teachers' examinations for 1915 are April 29-May 1, and Aug. 12-15. The examination in reading for the April examination will be based on "The House of the Seven Gables" by Nathaniel Hawthorne; for August on "The American Scholar" by Ralph Waldo Emerson.

The date of the eighth grade examination is May 13-14, and the reading examination will be based on Lincoln's Gettysburg Address and "The Chambered Nautilus" by Oliver Wendell Holmes.

STATE NORMAL SCHOOL

To Strengthen Agricultural Course—New Building to be Utilized

The work in Agriculture at Central State Normal School, Mt. Pleasant, Michigan, will be strengthened in many ways for the coming year. A part of the \$100,000 building, now being erected upon the campus, will be used for this work. There will be a large laboratory room devoted to work in soils, drainage, and fertilizers. A lecture room, with exhibits of farm crops and horticultural material; a dairy room, with separators, Babcock testing outfit, miniature cheese and butter plants; a poultry room with incubator, brooders, and feeding devices, etc.; a machinery room with parts of modern farm appliances and machinery; a model lighting and drainage system, with septic tank, etc. The greenhouse will be a valuable addition to the work, illustrating plant propagation, forcing, handling of bulbs. Plans are being made to have the greenhouse in operation for use in the fall term in the course in Landscape Gardening. A small typical farm chicken house will be erected and a few birds of the egg, general purpose and meat breeds will be kept. This will serve to illustrate to the teachers and farmers practical methods of handling poultry. The small orchard started a few years ago is coming into bearing and affords an opportunity to illustrate pruning, spraying and general care of the orchard.

A FREE LECTURE. Virgil O. Strickler of New York City Will Speak on Christian Science.

The membership of First Church of Christ Scientist of this city announces a lecture at Realty Opera House tomorrow, Friday, evening, by Virgil O. Strickler of New York City. Mr. Strickler is a member of the Board of Lectureship of the Mother church of Boston. Admission is free. Everybody cordially invited.

R. J. Fraker and wife left Saturday for Lapeer and Detroit via auto. While gone they will visit the state fair and spend a few days with Mr. and Mrs. Foster Fraker at Lapeer.

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PATTENGILL IN ALMA

National Progressive Candidate for Governor to Tour Gratiot

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 23

Will Speak in Alma at 7:30 p. m. in City Hall—Leaves at 8:50

H. R. Pattengill, well known in Gratiot County as a result of years of educational work, and the Annual Pattengill reunion will be in the county Wednesday, September 23, in the interests of the National Progressive Ticket in general and his own candidacy for Governor in particular.

Mr. Pattengill will reach Alma early Wednesday morning and will make an automobile tour of the county returning to Alma in time for an evening meeting in this city at seven thirty. The city hall will be used as a meeting place and the speaker will commence his talk promptly on time as he is to leave the city on the P. M. going east at 8:50.

Clare Henry, of near St. Louis, helped out at the Central Barber Shop last week for a few days, and left Thursday for Toledo on an extended business trip.

GROW ALL OUR SUGAR

2,000,000 Acres of Sugar Beets Would Supply United States

SOIL OF 19 STATES GROW BEETS

Three Acre Patch on Farms in Three States Would Do the Business

The following is from advance sheets from September 15th issue of "Facts About Sugar":

"A total of 2,000,000 acres planted to beets would free us from dependence upon foreign-grown sugar," says Bulletin No. 260 of the U. S. Department of Agriculture in calling attention to the ease with which the United States could make itself independent of the rest of the world for its sugar supply. The Bulletin prints a list of nineteen states which have been demonstrated to be well adapted to the growing of sugar beets. These states are California, Colorado, Idaho, Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Kansas, Michigan, Minnesota, Missouri, Montana, Nebraska, Nevada, North Dakota, Wyoming. These states contain more than 2,000,000 farms and over 278,000,000 acres of improved lands. The Bulletin continues:

"If one farmer in these four states were to plant a three-acre patch and give it the care that could readily be bestowed upon so small a plot it would be unnecessary for us to buy foreign sugar. Two-thirds of 1 per cent of the improved land in this area is all that would be required to accomplish this result. More than that acreage lies idle, absolutely unused, every year. Any one of the states of Illinois, Iowa, Kansas, Missouri, Minnesota, Nebraska, or Ohio could produce all this sugar and then have the beets occur only once in a ten-year rotation; several of the others could do it alone on a five-year rotation."

"From this table it can be seen that devoting the proposed 2,000,000 acres to sugar-beet production would have an utterly insignificant effect in reducing the acreage of other crops. If they were grown in properly considered rotations with any of these crops except cotton and rice the effect of the beets in increasing the yield of the others would much more than counterbalance the acreage taken from the latter. All that is necessary, so far as acreage is concerned, in order to make us independent sugar producers, is to bring the crop to a parity with flax or rye."

LOCAL HAPPENINGS

The hall above the Vaudeville Theatre, which has heretofore been known as Moose Hall, will hereafter be called Vaudeville Hall. Mr. Weese, who purchased the building from the Alma Realty Company last week, has commenced repairs and changes, and will enlarge the seating capacity of the show.

Clyde Webb of Alma and Miss Hazel Marsh of St. Louis were married last week in Ithaca. They were accompanied to Ithaca by Wes Webb, brother of groom, who acted as best man. The four people journeyed from Ithaca to Howell, where they spent a few days, returning to Alma.

Hannes Baker, Private U. S. Marine Corps, who has been the guest of his sister, Mrs. Ben. McCullough, left Saturday for Grand Rapids, and will go from there to Ft. Royal, South Carolina. He just returned from the Philippines previous to his visit in Alma.

Mrs. Harriet J. Botsford, a member of the Michigan Masonic Home, died in her room Saturday morning at 1:30, aged 63 years. Mrs. Botsford was sent to Alma on May 18, 1912, by Pontiac Lodge, No. 21. The causes of her death were asthma and dropsy. The body was shipped to Detroit.

Mrs. L. Y. Irish and Mrs. W. W. Rollin left Saturday for Henry County, Ohio, where they will visit the latter's brother, returning to Alma in three weeks, stopping en route in Pontiac and Detroit.

Walter Vogt and Archie Mayhew, graduates of last year's class of Alma College, were in the city one day last week to bid goodbye to their old friends, and then left for Charlevoix, where each will teach in the High School.

After a week spent in the east in the purchase of fall and winter stock of clothing Geo. Mairer returned to Alma last Tuesday. Watch for the arrival of goods p...